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# COVID-19 BUSINESS INFO

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYERS, WORKERS, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

The rising concerns around COVID-19 (coronavirus) is creating a challenging business climate nationally, within the State of California and locally in Calimesa. This webpage can serve as a centralized resource for employers, employees, and local small businesses affected by the pandemic.

Information and additional resources will be updated as they become available.

## CALIMESA ALERTS AND UPDATES

The City of Calimesa is coordinating and working closely with the State of California, Riverside County, neighboring municipalities, and local agencies to monitor and address Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) to ensure the health and safety of our community.

## NEWS RESOURCES

Information is changing quickly. You can learn about the latest local information from the following links:

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has a dedicated [page for businesses](#) on COVID-19-related information.
- The Riverside County Office of Emergency Services is providing updates on its [COVID-19 Websites](#), as well as posting updates through social media on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).
- [Sign-Up](#) for COVID-19 Recovery Newsletter to receive the latest recovery updates in Riverside County
- Updated information and summaries including events, resources and announcements from the City can be viewed on the City's [website](#).
- [List of essential services and businesses](#) allowed to operate during the State's "Stay at Home" order.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

A growing list of partners and government agencies are posting information to assist businesses during the pandemic:

- **Small businesses and private, non-profit organizations can apply for "[Economic Injury Disaster](#)" Loans from the [Small Business Administration](#) (SBA).** The SBA is offering loans of up to \$2 million for working capital to help small businesses, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations. The [Orange County Inland Empire SBDC](#) is available to help you through

the application process by calling (800)616-7232 or visiting the [SBDC website](#) to begin.

- The State of California's [Employment Development Department](#) (EDD) has programs to help both employers and employees deal with potential closures or layoffs, reduced work hours, and caring for ill or quarantined family members. Services include expedited processing of eligible Unemployment Insurance and Disability Insurance claims.
- The California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GoBiz) offers additional [resources](#) and FAQs for businesses.
- Riverside County has new small business loan programs for COVID-19 Recovery, business owners can find more information regarding the [COVID-19 MICROLOAN PROGRAM](#) & [BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM](#).
- Not all businesses are the same, and some workers may face different levels of risk within the same business. The [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) (OSHA) maintains detailed guidance in its publication, [Guidelines on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#).

**Here are some ways employers can lower the risk of disease transmission:**

- Ensure sick employees stay home.
- Separate employees who become sick at work until they can return home.
- Allow employees to telecommute or work from home if possible.
- Give people physical space, such as allowing six feet between employees.
- Do not shake hands; cover coughs and sneezes; and wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Wipe down surfaces touched by employees and customers with disinfecting products.
- Ask employees not to share phones, desks, or other work equipment, if possible.
- Change employee start and end times to avoid large numbers of employees coming in together.
- Cancel unnecessary meetings or events if attendees cannot maintain sufficient distance between one another.
- If holding events, take precautions by asking those who are ill not to attend, and remind attendees to take actions to protect themselves and other attendees.
- Suspend nonessential employee travel.
- Provide additional accommodations to at-risk employees – such as those with existing medical conditions or who are more than 50 years old.
- [Post informational posters](#) around the workplace.